



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee
10 September 2019
Agenda Item 11

Key Decision: [~~Yes~~/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All Adur

Referral of Motion on Notice from Adur District Council

Report by the Director for Communities

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 18 July 2019.
- 1.2. Members of the Joint Strategic committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.
- 1.3. Members can accept the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, members can reject the motion.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Joint Strategic Committee accept the motion and ask for further work to be carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Joint Strategic Committee reject the motion.

3. Context

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 18 July 2019, Adur District Council received a motion from Councillor Catherine Arnold and seconded by Councillor Les Alden, details of which can be found in appendix 1.
- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained subject matter that is within the remit of both the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Strategic Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and Part 1 referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination and Part 2 referred without debate to the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting of the Executive and explain the motion. Councillor Catherine Arnold has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Committee.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Joint strategic Committee can either accept or reject the motion
- 4.2 Should the Joint Strategic Committee accept the motion then the Committee should ask Officers to prepare a further report on the substantive issues to be presented at a future meeting of the JSC.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Joint Strategic Committee wishes to take. These will be addressed as part of the development of the 2020/21 budget.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under paragraph 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

Background Papers

Motion to Adur District Council on 18 July 2019

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CLIMATE CHANGE MOTION

This Council recognises that Climate Change is proceeding unabated. That we fast approach the point of no-return.

We are not doing enough to cut back on human-created carbon emissions. In fact, they continue to increase.

International political will has not proven powerful enough to overcome the entrenched cultural and commercial forces that keep us going down the same disastrous road.

Society, politicians and all of us at every level must do more.

This motion proposes that Adur Council declares a Climate Emergency and pledges it will do all it can for Adur to become carbon neutral by 2030.

In 2018, the Climate Change Committee, an independent body advising the UK govt, stated, "We're off track to meet our own emissions targets for the 2020s & 30s". Leading climate scientists warn that we have only eleven years within which global warming can be kept to a maximum of 1.5 degrees C.

If temperatures increase by 2°C it will result in catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, widespread poverty and mass migration.

The UK is the first country to legislate for net zero emissions by 2050 and the first to declare a 'Climate Emergency'. Declarations have also been agreed at York City Council (Conservative majority) & Portsmouth City Council (no overall majority).

This Council recognises politicians of all parties, at all levels, have a duty to limit the causes of Climate Change. We cannot wait for national governments to do it all. Although Adur has the new tidal wall, a significant proportion of our population lives beyond its protection. And despite the wall, much of Adur could one day be devastated by the exceptional, predicted rise in sea levels.

However, Councils like Adur are uniquely placed to be leaders in a new green technological revolution. Our location, particularly our coastline, facilitates local energy generation such as wind and solar. One of our fastest growing job creation Areas.

So, limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible. But only if action is taken Now.

Part 1

Therefore, this Council calls on Joint Strategic Committee to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency',

Incorporate climate change mitigation into Sustainability & Risk assessments throughout its reports, plans and reviews, including planning applications,

Attempt to make Adur carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account production and consumption, including use of the following;

Solar energy, via council joint ventures and/or group buying schemes. Faster rollout of private and public electric/hybrid powered vehicles & Infrastructure.

Grant applications for cleaner bus stock and council vehicles.

Expanding bicycle networks to encourage greater bike usage for commuters as well as leisure.

Adoption of BREEAM's standards across all new social housing, housing association & Coast to Capital funded projects.

Deliver sustainable travel options and implementation of low emission zones in Air Quality Management Areas,

Report to full Council within six months of the date of this motion setting out the relevant actions

Part 2

The council calls on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to review policies and to develop better practice and strategies.

We acknowledge this is an ambitious motion. But we must go further and faster, not only for our own benefit, but for the sake of our children and our children's children.

Proposed by Councillor Catherine Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Les Alden